

SENATE FILE 2080
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to energy conservation requirements contained
2 within the state building code.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 103A.8A, Code Supplement 2009, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **103A.8A Energy conservation requirements.**

4 The state building code commissioner shall adopt as a part of
5 the state building code a requirement that new single-family
6 or two-family residential construction shall comply with
7 energy conservation requirements. The requirements adopted by
8 the commissioner shall be based upon a nationally recognized
9 standard or code for energy conservation. The requirements
10 shall only apply to single-family or two-family residential
11 construction commenced after the adoption of the requirements.
12 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the
13 contrary, the energy conservation requirements adopted by
14 the commissioner and approved by the council shall apply to
15 new single-family or two-family residential construction
16 commenced on or after July 1, 2008, and to all single-family
17 or two-family residential construction commenced on or after
18 July 1, 2010, and shall supersede and replace any minimum
19 requirements for energy conservation adopted or enacted by a
20 governmental subdivision prior to that date applicable to such
21 construction. The state building code commissioner may provide
22 training to builders, contractors, building officials, persons
23 who may in the course of their employment be responsible
24 for interpreting or enforcing adopted energy conservation
25 requirements, and other interested persons on the adopted
26 energy conservation requirements.

27 Sec. 2. Section 103A.10, subsection 5, Code 2009, is amended
28 to read as follows:

29 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to
30 the contrary, the energy conservation requirements adopted by
31 the commissioner and approved by the council shall apply to all
32 new construction commenced on or after July 1, 2008, subject
33 to the provisions relating to single-family and two-family
34 residential construction contained in section 103A.8A, and
35 shall supersede and replace any minimum requirements for energy

1 conservation adopted or enacted by the governmental subdivision
2 prior to that date and applicable to such construction.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill relates to energy conservation requirements
5 contained within the state building code. Code chapter
6 103A requires new single-family or two-family residential
7 construction commenced on or after July 1, 2008, to comply
8 with energy conservation requirements adopted by the state
9 building code commissioner. "New construction", as defined in
10 the Code chapter, is expressly made inapplicable to building
11 renovations and repairs.

12 The bill amends Code section 103A.8A to provide that all
13 single-family or two-family residential construction on or
14 after July 1, 2010, shall comply with the energy conservation
15 requirements, extending the requirements to existing residence
16 renovations and repairs. The bill makes conforming changes
17 consistent with this modification.

18 The bill additionally expands the list of individuals
19 specifically mentioned in Code section 103A.8A for whom
20 the commissioner may provide training on the adopted energy
21 conservation requirements to include building officials
22 and persons who may in the course of their employment be
23 responsible for interpreting or enforcing the requirements.